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BEGIN SUMMARY: VISIT OF EGYPTIAN FONMIN EL- ZAYYAT
APPARENTLY PRODUCED NOTHING NEW OR EXTRAORDINARY,
AND BOTH SIDES CONFINED THEMSELVES TO RESTATEMENT
OF WELL- KNOWN POSITIONS. ONLY VAGUE REFERENCE TO
CONTINUED INDIAN RETENTION PAK POWS WAS ALLOWED TO
CREEP INTO COMMUNIQUE, WHILE GOP REAFFIRMED
CONTINUED SOLIDARITY WITH ARAB CAUSE. FONMIN MET
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PRESIDENT BHUTTO AND HIS TOP SPECIAL ASSISTANT RAFI
RAZA. END SUMMARY

1. EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER EL- ZAYYAT, ACCOMPANIED
BY EGYPTIAN CHIEF OF PROTOCOL OLAMA AND OTHER
OFFICIALS, VISITED PAKISTAN MARCH 16-18 IN COURSE OF
HIS ASIAN TOUR. FONMIN CALLED UPON PRESIDENT BHUTTO
AND LATER HAD " INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS" WITH BHUTTO' S
SPECIAL ASSISTANT, RAFI RAZA. TALKS DESCRIBED AS
COVERING " MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST" AND AS BEING
HELD IN ATMOSPHERE OF " FRATERNAL UNDERSTANDING."

2. IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED MARCH 18, BOTH SIDES
AGREED THAT FOREIGN RELATIONS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED ON
BASIS OF " INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PRINCIPLES OF
RESPECT FOR NATIONAL SOVREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY... AND NON- INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL
AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES." THEY CALLED FOR ALL STATES
TO RESPECT AND STRICTLY OBSERVE UN CHARTER AND TO
IMPLEMENT UN RESOLUTIONS AND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS.
THEY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT OUTSTANDING SUBCONTINENTAL PROBLEMS,
" INCLUDING THAT OF THE PRISONERS OF WAR," WOULD BE
EXPEDITIOUSLY AND SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED. (COMMENT:
APPARENTLY THIS WAS ALL PAKS COULD EXTRACT FROM
INDIA' S PARTNER IN NONALIGNMENT; SPECIAL ASSISTANT
RAZA WAS ALSO SAID TO HAVE " INFORMED" FONMIN ABOUT
STATUS OF INDO- PAK RELATIONS.)

3. PRINCIPALS REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED SITUATION IN
MIDDLE EAST AND EXPRESSED " CONVICTION" THAT PEACE
IN THAT AREA DEPENDED UPON IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF
ISRAELI TROOPS FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES.
PAKS REAFFIRMED CONTINUED SOLIDARITY WITH ARAB CAUSE.

4. BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED " SATISFACTION" AT
" STEADY GROWTH OF POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS"
BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AND AGREED TO PERIODIC EXCHANGE
OF OFFICIAL VISITORS.

5. COMMENT: DESPITE PAK FEELING THAT THEY HAVE
REASON TO BE MIFFED AT EGYPTIANS FOLLOWING RECENT
REVELATION BY AL AHRAH EDITOR HEYKAL OF EGYPTIAN
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ACQUIESCENCE IN 1971 SOVIET ARMS SHIPMENTS TO INDIA,

VISIT RECEIVED GENERALLY FAVORABLE (ALTHOUGH MODEST)
COVERAGE IN GOVERNMENT- CONTROLLED INFORMATION MEDIA.
TREATMENT SUGGESTS PAKS PREPARED, IN INTEREST
ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY, TO LET BYGONES BE BYGONES LONG
AS UAR REFRAINS FROM FURTHER " PROVOCATIONS" SUCH
AS EARLY RECOGNITION BANGLADESH.
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